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Amdt. Dated 11/22/2005
Reply to Office Action of July 25, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 4-9, 12-16, 20-23 and 28-33 were merely objected to, and claims 37-57, added by way of a Preliminary Amendment filed 2/2/2005, were not considered.

In response to the Office Action, claim 1 has been amended to now include all of the limitations of prior claim 4 and the dependent claim on which claim 4 depended, namely claim 2. Consequently claim 1 should be in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 3 and 4 have now been canceled. Also claims 5 and 10 have now been amended to depend on now allowable claim 1, so that all of the dependent claims 5 through 17 should now be allowable as depending on a now allowable claim and as adding specificity and additional novelty to the claimed combination.

Also in response to the Office Action, claim 20 has been amended to include all the limitations of claims 19 and 20, and claims 19 and 20 as well as 21 have been canceled. Also certain claims dependent on claims 19 or 20 have been amended so as to now depend on claim 18 as amended, so that claims 22 through 33 now depend directly or indirectly from claim 18. Thus all of these dependent claims should now be allowable as depending on a now allowable claim and as adding specificity and additional novelty to the claimed combination.

Claims 34 through 36 have been canceled herein.

As to claims 37 through 57 not considered by the Examiner, it is to be noted that claims 37 and 52, the only independent claims in this group, generally include the limitations of claims merely objected to in the Office Action. Accordingly it is believed that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

It is to be noted that any claim that has been canceled or amended herein has been so canceled or amended without prejudice to the filing and prosecution of such claims in a continuation application in the same or amended form.

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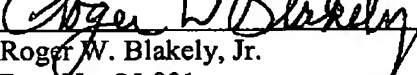
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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